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County Jail Hit By State Inspection

The Coffee County Jail was inspected by the State Board of Corrections on Monday, March 14, and while it didn't exactly pass with flying colors, it did pass with only a minimal amount of required improvements.

The inspection took nearly 4 1/2 hours, and was conducted by State Inspector John R. Copeland.

A summary of the results of the inspection read: The jail is in fair shape for its age. Observation windows and screens are poor. Two locks have been fabricated to work. Stairwells are narrow and small. Visitors are not being supervised. Paid employees are not supervising the serving of meals. Kitchen is too small.

A more detailed report revealed that Sanitation and Personal Hygiene was the area needing the most improvement. According to the inspection report, the condition of the plumbing was poor, as was the condition of the commodes, lavatories and showers. It was also discovered that the jail is not set forth in Title 45, Code of Alabama.

The main areas of concern were: (1) the exposed pipes in the kitchen, (2) the ceiling falling out in the main hall downstairs, (3) the bunk in the main hall downstairs, (4) Extension cords tied to plumbing pipe with wire ties in jailers' quarters (5) windows without screens upstairs, (6) overall cleaning needed inside and out.

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County To Repair Cole's Bridge

The Coffee County Commission met in regular session on Monday, March 14, at the Courthouse in Elba, and voted unanimously to spend approximately \$24,000 to repair Cole's Bridge. The bridge, located near the New Hope Community, has been closed for several months.

Mr. Rufus Bradley, perhaps the court's most agreeable visitor, was first to address the court and told the commissioners that he was having trouble securing right-of-way on a road he wanted paved. Bradley told the court he didn't come to complain, just to ask for help.

Commissioner Bennie Beckham, said, "I can't understand someone not wanting a road paved," and told Bradley to try to secure the necessary right-of-way.

Representative Jimmy Holley told the commission that the money for the best land in Kinston is available, and all it would be a letter from the county after working hours. The question arose following a bill received for services done at the court. However, the commissioners failed to approve the appraisers to keep the extra help in the county until the program is finished.

Mr. Ron Smith met with the board upon their request, and listened to the commissioners' ideas on how to save the county money in the Food Stamp Program. Mr. Smith, from the Pension and Security, assured the commission he would work with them and listen to all suggestions. Smith reported he would get back with the commission when he had gathered sufficient information.

A delegation from Kinston, led by Mayor Steve Hunko, told the commission of serious drainage problems in their city, and possibly the last of next week. Persons wishing to donate or help with the drive can contact Johnston at the Elba police station.

The commissioners promised to help the city anyway possible.

Before leaving, Hunko requested the county send them as a (1) policeman and (2) radio dispatcher. Sawyer told Hunko his request would be considered.

The commission's final order of business was to pay bills. The next County Commission meeting will be held on Monday, March 28, in Elba.

Elba To Get License Machine

Representative Jimmy Holley announced last week that he had been informed by Dr. Davis, director of LEPA, that a grant had been approved to install a driver's license photo machine in Elba.

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Red Cross Fund Drive Underway

Elba Police Chief Mr. W. Johnston announced this week that the fund drive for the Red Cross was underway, and would last through this week and possibly the last of next week.

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Improve Elba Group To Meet Next Tuesday

The long-planned meeting to organize a group to work for the betterment of Elba will be held on Tuesday night, March 22. The meeting will be held at the Elba Elementary School, beginning at 7 p.m.

The meeting is open to all area citizens who feel something should be done in an organized manner for the improvement of business, recreation, social aspects, etc.

Persons interested are also urged to bring another interested person to the meeting with them.

Councilmen Complain Of Inaction

The Elba City Council meeting Tuesday night had been wanted to work for the betterment of Elba, and wanted the other parties to "work with us."

All members were present and voting except Councilman Jimmy Holley who called in and said he would not attend, since he and his family were having car trouble between Troy and Montgomery.

The first item of business was a report from Councilman Cleo Hawkins concerning the status of a pump owned by the city. Hawkins told the group that the pump was okay, but it needed a motor. It was estimated that the purchase of a pump and getting it mounted would cost \$2300. The council agreed to go ahead and repair the pump and put it in the street.

Mrs. Mary Flowers and Mr. Alvin Galloway of the Elba Housing Authority requested that the street around the Mulberry Housing project be paved. They said this had been promised years ago and was badly needed. Some paved parking can be constructed by the Authority if the city pays the street. Dad English made a motion that the street be paved, but failed to get a second. The final opinion was that the council would get price estimated and make a decision at the next meeting. It was also mentioned that the streets in the Clark Subdivision would be lost if some work was not done there soon.

Elba Girl In Birmingham Hospital

Nancy Ann Johnson, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Johnson, is in a Birmingham hospital seriously ill. The father and mother are in the hospital with her, and the other five children are with relatives.

A fund has been set up at each of the local banks for the mounting bills the family is incurring. Johnson is an employee of the City of Elba. The girl is in Room 504, Children's Hospital, Birmingham.

Reeves Urges Payment Of Property Tax

Final notices to property owners who have not paid their 1976 ad valorem tax. Many of these have been returned for lack of proper address, according to Maxwell Reeves, Tax Collector.

"When people move without leaving their new address, we have no way of knowing where to send tax notices," Reeves said. "Anyone owning property should come by at once and take care of it."

Reeves further noted that the time is near to process delinquent property for sale. The tentative schedule for this action is as follows:

First notice mailed - March 1 Place on docket book for mail out certified tax notices - April 25

Ten days allowed for property owners to pay taxes

Advertise in local paper for three weeks - May 5, 12, 19

Allow 30 days from date of first notice of sale

SALE DATE IN ELBA - June 6

SALE DATE IN ENTERPRISE - June 7

"Don't let your property be listed for sale," Reeves urges everyone.

56 Forest Fires Reported In February

A report of the need for some heavy earthmoving equipment was next on the agenda. Councilman Mike Russell presented some specifications compiled by him and Hawkins for a front-end loader and the council agreed to solicit bids on this type machine.

The next item concerned the legality of his accepting the position and found that he can legally hold his DA job and serve as acting commander of the Guard without pay and without promotion from his present rank of Colonel.

Stevens said Wednesday morning that if Governor Wallace asks him to serve, he will do it, even though the action will cost him money personally, but that he will not be campaigning for the position, nor asking people to campaign for him.

Educators Review Title IV Project

This team of educators met recently for an on-site review of a Title IV Reading-In-Content project. The project was written by the Elba City school leaders, and submitted to the team for evaluation. It is a federally funded program designed for the purpose of improving the reading abilities of students.

are: Mrs. Sara Sharpless, Dr. Jayne Meyers, Dr. Don Clayton, Mr. John C. Lindham, Mr. Elmer Taylor, Mr. Alan Burns, Miss Janice Weaver, Mrs. Addieleen Prescott.

Mike DuBose Now With Georgia Firm

Michael DuBose has been named as Industrial Engineer in the Elba City of Newnan, Georgia. He has been an Associate Industrial Engineer in the Elba City of Newnan, Georgia. He has been an Associate Industrial Engineer in the Elba City of Newnan, Georgia. He has been an Associate Industrial Engineer in the Elba City of Newnan, Georgia.

NATIONAL SECURITY INCOME UP

National Security Insurance Company reported 1976 net income of \$750,713 or \$1.07 per share compared to a loss of \$77,554 or \$1.11 per share in 1975.

The 1976 income figure includes realized capital gains of \$240,128 compared to 1975 premium income of \$1,174,827. Total assets rose from \$20,362,487 in 1975 to \$20,362,487 in 1976, an increase of 82%.

Premium income for 1976 was \$187,393,000. Commenting on the results, W. L. Brunson, President, said "1976 was the greatest growth year in National Security's history. The life, fire and casualty and investment areas all experienced substantial improvement during the year."

National Security Insurance Company sells a complete line of life, fire and casualty insurance policies. The company also owns a 56.5% interest in a 1,500 acre tract of land located in Morgan County, Tennessee, which has potentially marketable gas and coal reserves.

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Well, the late Howard Hughes was only worth 11^{1/2} million when he died. The "Only" in that statement is a relative word. If it was the only editor being talked about, the "only" would be out of place, but in this case the public seems surprised. Of course there is a question of what he did with a \$456 million cash sale he made in about 1964, plus other funds, but with his battery of lawyers, I am surprised only that he didn't tax-shelter the entire estate.

I spent a couple of hours recently at the county jail during visiting hours. That is an education within itself. To watch the variety of people who come in to visit during the scheduled time, the things they bring their loved ones in the jail and the excuses they have for those things not normally allowed in the jail cells would amaze even the most imaginative story writer. Oh, each person visiting has to be searched before entering the cell area, and again the things that are found. Now, that is one job I just ain't clamoring to get - working at the jail on visiting day.

Judging from what I hear, the new county engineer Leslie Mullins is strictly business. He has a tendency to ignore the political aspersions and make decisions on a purely business basis, and this is long overdue. Mr. Mullins is very blunt with commissioners and citizens alike. This will probably get him in trouble some day, but I don't think he means it only - it is just that the man is honest in every way. Good work, Mr. Mullins.

The meeting set for next Tuesday to organize an "Improve Elba" group is still on. "Go!" I understand. Several people have expressed concern over having a conflict and being unable to attend. This is to be expected, since people who will be active in something like this are usually those who are active in many other things; in other words, if they want a job done well, get the busiest person to do it. Any way, the time is next Tuesday night at 7 p.m. in the elementary school.

Major Goodson Promoted To Present Rank

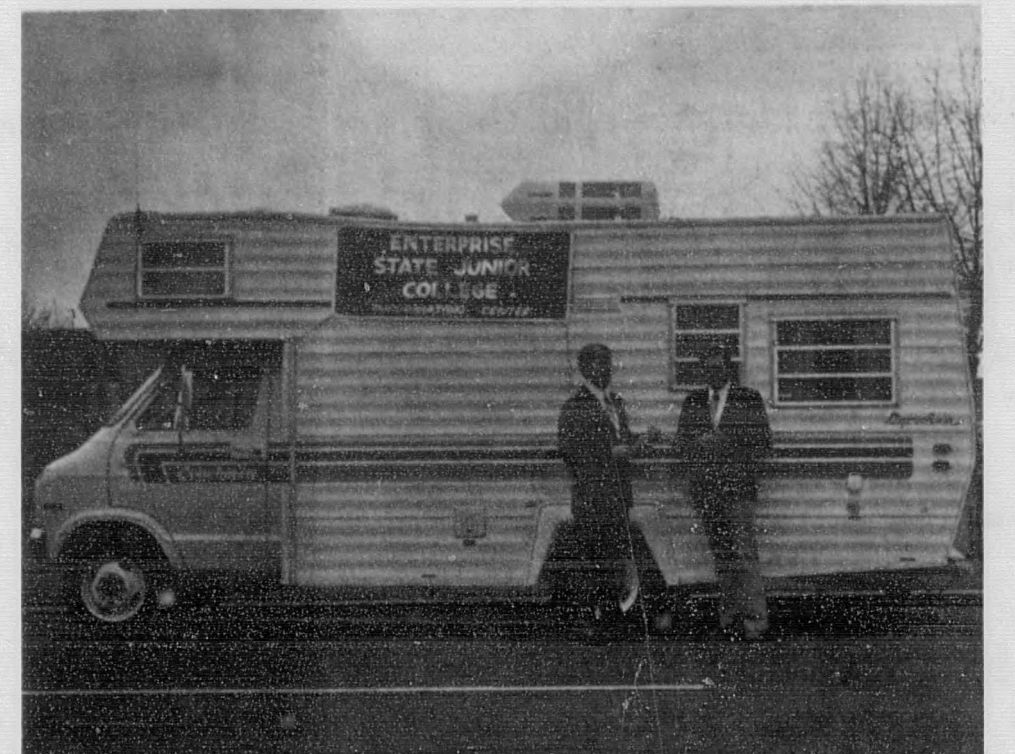
Major Jerry L. Goodson son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Goodson of Elba, has been promoted from captain to his present rank at Ft. Rucker.

Goodson is chief of the Housing Division, Directorate of Industrial Operations at the post. He entered the Army October 26, 1956, and is a veteran of the Vietnam conflict.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with second Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal with "V" device and two clusters, Purple Heart and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

Goodson is a graduate of New Brookton High School, and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in general business administration from the University of Alabama in 1971.

He and his wife, the former Patsy Parker, reside in Enterprise. Mrs. Goodson's mother, Mrs. Fred W. Parker, resides in Elba.



ESJC Mobile Information Center Here Today

Shown with the new Enterprise State Junior College Mobile Information Center is Reid Lambert, left, evening director, and Gene Donaldson, veteran's service officer. The unit will visit Wiregrass communities during March. March 17 (today, Thursday) - Elba and New Brookton; March 24 - Clayhatchee and Daleville; March 30 - Ozark and Newton.

Doctor in the Kitchen

by Laurence M. Hursh, M.D.
Consultant, National Dairy Council

OYSTER SAFETY STANDARDS

I don't want to scare everybody about oysters, but a recent report in the Journal of the American Medical Association deserves attention. The report raises serious questions about the adequacy of our monitoring for the safety of shellfish growing areas. One of the physicians states:

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ESJC Short Courses

Enterprise State Junior College plans a large variety of courses in Elba and surrounding towns for Spring Quarter. To register for any of these courses or to obtain additional information, call Mrs. Lucy Bruckner at 897-5070. Courses and times, etc. are as follows:

BASIC PATTERN ADAPTATION - Two sessions: March 21 - April 11 and April 18 - May 9, both on Monday, 7 - 9 p.m., at County Extension Bldg., New Brookton. Instructor: Jean Moore, fee \$5.00, limit 12 persons.

PREPARATION FOR GED TEST - March 21 - May 24, Monday and Tuesday, 7 - 9 p.m., at Elba Elementary School, William H. Bruce instructor, fee \$12.00, limit 15 persons.

BEGINNING AND INTERMEDIATE SEWING - March 21 - May 23, Monday, 5 - 8 p.m., at Elba High School, Mary Young instructor, fee \$5.00, limit 20 persons.

BEGINNING CLOTHING CONSTRUCTION - April 5 - May 10, Tuesday, 9 - 12 Noon, at County Extension Bldg., New Brookton, Frances Woodham, instructor, fee \$5.00.

FITNESS AND FIGURE CONTROL

Morning and evening sessions: March 21 - May 25, 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. Monday and Tuesday, at Mulberry Heights gym, Elba, 8:30 - 8:00 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, at Elba High School gym. Instructor: Lucy Hill, fee \$5.00, limit 25 persons.

INTRODUCTION TO INTERIOR DECORATING - April 5 - April 26, 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesday, at County Extension Bldg., New Brookton, instructor: Bette Gorum, fee \$5.00.

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR CLOTHING DOLLAR - March 31 - May 1, Thursday, 2 - 4 p.m., and 7 - 9 p.m. at Human Resource Development Center, Mrs. Eve Long instructor, no fee.

INTRODUCTION TO INTERIOR DECORATING - March 7 - April 4, 7 - 9 p.m. Monday at Kinston City Hall, Hampton Hoge instructor, fee \$5.00.

COURSE AT BRANTLEY - Family and Personal Financial Planning will be offered at Brantley High School, March 28 - April 25, 7 - 9 p.m., James Hillis, instructor. For further information, call Willis at 527-3206, Brantley High School at 527-8877 or Mrs. Conner Carpenter after 3 p.m. at 527-3531.

FOUR SHORT COURSES AT KINSTON - Four short courses will be offered at Kinston during the spring quarter. For further information call Mrs. Pauline Wood at 565-3138. Details of courses are as follows:

PAINT-CLAY ART - March 30 - May 18, Wednesday, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at Kinston City Hall, Willadee P. Caton, instructor, fee will be charged, and supplies must be purchased.

FASHION AWARENESS - March 8 - April 5, 7 - 9 p.m. Tuesday, at Kinston Home Economics Bldg., instructor: Bette Gorum, fee \$5.00.

Register For Spring Quarter At ESJC

Spring quarter registration for day and evening classes at Enterprise State Junior College is scheduled Monday and Tuesday, March 21 and 22, with classes beginning Wednesday, March 23, according to Tommy Guthrie, dean of admissions.

Guthrie said registration for classes at Enterprise, Samson and Ozark will be held on campus from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 21.

Day class registration begins Monday at 1:00 p.m. Students whose last names begin with initials A and B will register from 1:00 - 1:30, C and D from 1:30 to 2:00, and E and F, 2:00 - 2:30.

Your Child's Sight

Don't expect a child to tell you if he has vision problems. Even if his seeing is blurred, double, or through only one eye, without any point of comparison he has no way of knowing that what he sees should be different.

Look for such clues as excessive eye rubbing, shutting one eye, difficulty with close work, blinking, squinting, frowning, sensitivity to light, inflamed or watery eyes, recurring sties or itching and burning, say experts at The National Society for the Prevention of Blindness. For a free booklet called "Your Child's Sight," write to The National Society for the Prevention of Blindness, 50 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10016.

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LEGAL NOTICES

ESTATE OF MARY B. BRUNSON, Deceased.
PROBATE COURT.

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 23 day of February 1977, by the Hon. James L. Sawyer, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to file the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ MARION B. BRUNSON
Executor of said estate
3-3-77

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, COFFEE COUNTY, ELBA DIVISION, IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY.

Merle S. Geiger, Complainant, vs. Luther J. Geiger, Defendant.
TO: Luther J. Geiger.
Notice is hereby given that Complainant has filed a Bill of Complaint against you in this court, and you are required to appear and plead to or answer the same by the 28 day of March 1977, or in thirty days thereafter a decree pro confesso may be rendered against you.

This is the 22 day of February 1977.
Jim Ellis, Register
2/24/77

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, COFFEE COUNTY, ELBA DIVISION, IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY.

Tommy Greenwood, Complainant, vs. Sandra B. Greenwood, Defendant.
TO: Sandra B. Greenwood.
Notice is hereby given that Complainant has filed a Bill of Complaint against you in this court, and you are required to appear and plead to or answer the same by the 28 day of March 1977, or in thirty days thereafter a decree pro confesso may be rendered against you.

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LEGAL NOTICE

ESTATE OF JACK T. SNELLGROVE, Deceased.
PROBATE COURT.

Letters Testamentary on the estate of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 3rd day of March 1977, by the Hon. James L. Sawyer, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Mae M. Snellgrove
Executrix
3/10/77.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Elba Water and Electric Board is accepting bids on a Laval Separator, Model 284078, or comparable equipment, and repair on existing water bearings in existing water well. For further information contact Mr. Ed Compton, Superintendent of the City Elba Water and Electric Department, Telephone 897-2424 or 897-5019. These bids will be opened on March 25, 1977.
3/10/77.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Gentlemen:
We have had a much better than expected response to the crisis intervention and referral program. Without your promotional support we realize that this would not have been possible.

We also know that often yours is a thankless effort especially in the area of public service and we wanted to take this opportunity to extend a big thank you for your continued support.

If we may ever be of service to your organization please don't hesitate to call on us. Sincerely,
JERRY LAMBERT
Crisis Center Coordinator

ISSUES IN STATE GOVERNMENT

by Governor Jerry Beasley

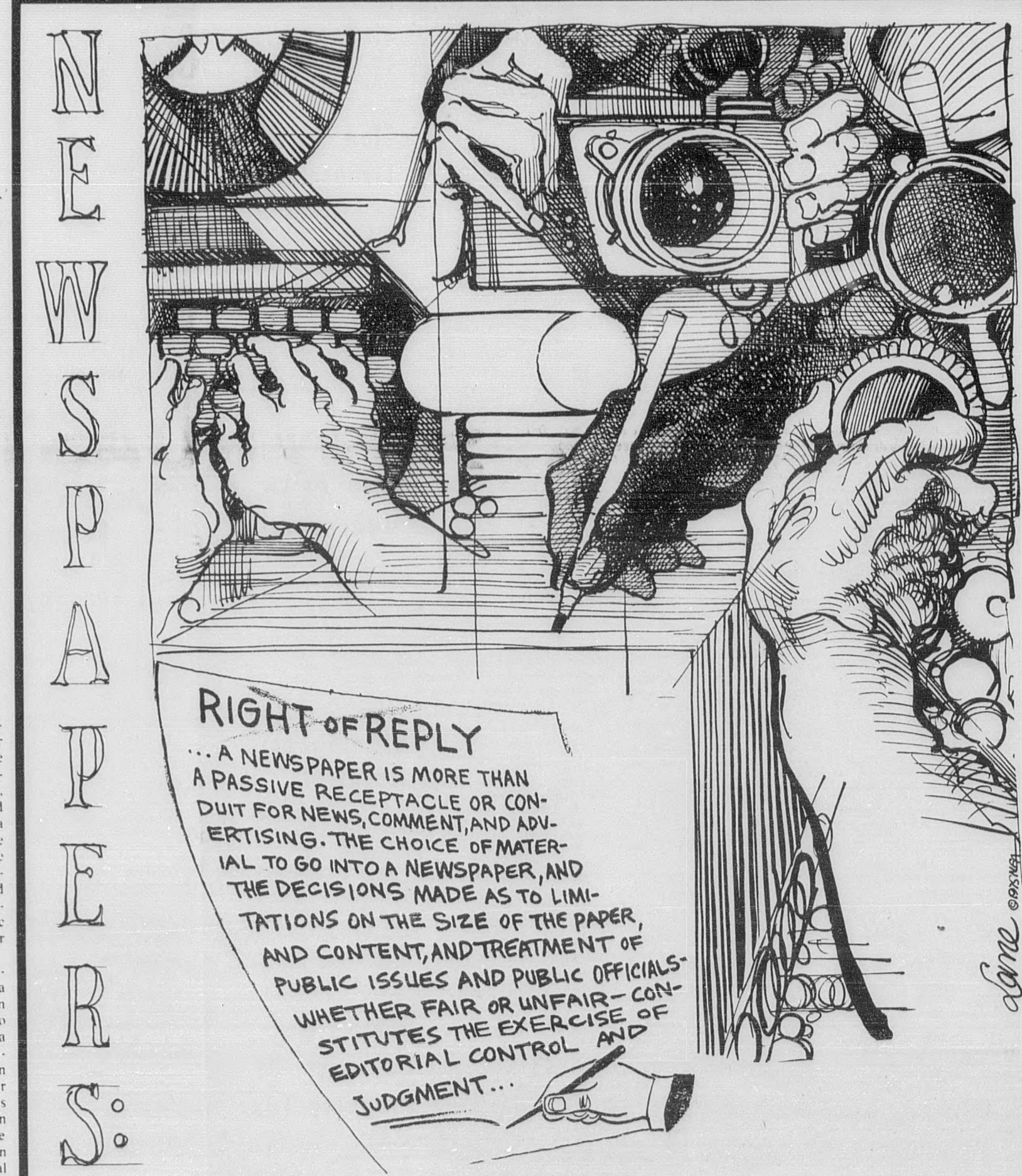
The final report of the Citizens' Committee on Higher Education is complete. The three members - businessmen, local government leaders, labor representatives, and educators - have conducted a two month examination of the alternative methods of state controls for four-year universities and junior colleges and have presented to the Legislature a set of sound, realistic proposals for public higher education.

The Committee has recommended the creation of a Board of Higher Education with clearly defined duties to replace the existing Alabama Commission on Higher Education which serves only an advisory role. Although under the proposal the local boards of trustees at each institution would be maintained, the Board of Higher Education would exercise final approval over all new instruction programs, all construction, new campuses and off-campus courses.

Most importantly, the new board would provide the Legislature with clear, accurate information for use in the budget process. Long-range planning to meet the economic needs of the State and the career needs of our students would become a priority.

A copy of the complete Committee report has been provided to all newspapers, radio and television stations for the public's information and should receive the full attention of the Legislature at an early date.

The members of the Committee on Higher Education are to be commended for their far-reaching work and service to Alabama.



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ESJC SHORT COURSES - See Article On Page 3.

BPW meets the 2nd Monday of each month.

Lions Club Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday nights 7 p.m.
Hulley's Restaurant.

The Pilot Club meets on 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 at the Big R.

American Legion meets 1st Tuesday at Legion Home at 7:00.

Water & Electric Board - 2nd Tuesday of each month at 8:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Weight Watchers meet meeting place - Courthouse Court room at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday.

The HRDC Office on Putnam Street invites participation in the ceramic drawing classes each Wednesday afternoon.

Rotary Club - each Monday afternoon, Country Club.

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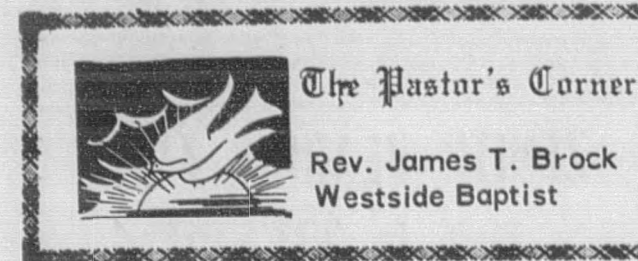
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Let's all go to the DAIRY QUEEN!

Elba Dairy Queen

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THE PANTING HEART

The Psalmist, in a beautiful and stirring reference to the panting heart, wrote, "As the hart panteth after the waterbrooks, so panteth my heart after thee, O Lord." One can well imagine that the writer had witnessed the progress of a hunt, and that he had sensed the fatigue and thirst of the lonely deer with the dogs and hunters in hot pursuit. O for a moment to pause beside the quiet stream and relax. Sir Walter Scott in his long poem, *THE LADY OF THE LAKE*, describes such a hunting scene, and the reader senses the desperate and pressing need of the deer to pause and drink at the fountains of God. We sometimes find ourselves running almost completely dry spiritually. Like a dead battery in our car, we are ever to supply the necessary current of life. How sad for our lives to remain forever stalled when there is such an abundant source of energy at the waterbrooks of God.

Decie Spurlin Circle To Begin Literacy Program

The Decie Spurlin Circle met March 14 in the home of Mrs. Mary Helms for the regular monthly meeting. Mrs. Ora Kelley introduced a very interesting program "On Literacy Missions". Several of our Circle ladies gave inspiring talks on where the illiterates are, and how they can be taught skills of reading and writing, and how Baptist women can begin a literacy program. Mrs. Kelley gave the invocation, with each member praying for these less fortunate people. Mrs. J. D. Lowery

say come, and whosoever will, let him come and drink of the water of life freely." So, the waterbrooks of God are open to everyone, fainting soul and every panting heart. What a waste to go on in the arid desert when the fountain of life is only a pant away. The waterbrooks are open, the fountain is free - why not pause and refresh yourself today?

Conference For Church Leaders In Recreation

Persons related to any phase of church recreation are invited to attend a Church Recreation Methods and Materials Clinic at Heritage Baptist Church, Dothan, March 22. Conference will be offered on organizing for recreation, camping and retreats, drama and puppetry, social recreation, and sports and games. Conference leaders from the church recreation department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., include John LaNoue and Ray Sessions, consultants, and Bob Conner, secretary. Also leading conferences are: Mrs. Lou Stinton, drama specialist, Normandale Baptist Church, Ken McHurt, minister of recreation, Two Rivers Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn.; and Jimmy Parrish, minister of youth and recreation, Mountain Brook Baptist Church, Birmingham. Attending the clinic will be pastors; ministers of education, music, youth and recreation; children's workers; drama, drama directors; puppeteers; day camp workers; campers; youth camp workers; retreat leaders; social recreation directors; students; and church recreation committee and staff members. Additional information is available from Heritage Baptist Church.

Gospel Singing At Glenwood Assembly

There will be a Gospel Singing at the Glenwood Assembly of God Church Saturday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m. Featured singers will be the Singing Dyess Family of Opp. Everyone is invited.



TWENTY-SIX MILES IN FIVE HOURS

The snow started falling soon after church began, and by the time we were dismissed, the ground was covered. The large flakes were beautiful but several inches of them were piled on the ground, they lose some of their appeal. One way from the church was blocked when a car ran in a ditch, leaving only one way out - straight up a hill. The road was slick and steep. Most cars were unable to make it and a couple of four-wheel vehicles were pressed into service. Within an hour we were out to the main road. Snow and ice packed on the highway made travel slow and difficult. Home was 26 miles away across two major mountains and several small hills. Travel is no problem on dry roads and the trip takes little more than 30 minutes. However, by the time we had reached the first mountain, it was two o'clock.

Traffic had already stalled on the mountain so I turned around, after some slipping and sliding, and went back down. I pulled the car under a drive-in shelter and cleaned the windows of snow and ice. After resting a while we attempted to cross the mountain again. This time I got almost to the top before I started skidding. Someday in a jeep or other help and he finally pulled us to the top.

From there I was able to get down the other side by taking my time. A couple of cars passed me, but I let them go by gladly. The second mountain was next and I knew it would be bad. When I saw two trucks stopped at the bottom, I knew my fears were right. About half-way up, someone had turned sideways in the road, stopping all traffic. I just turned around and went back.

We stopped at my wife's folks to wait for the mountain to clear. Since we had eaten lunch, Jevell fed us and we were on our way again.

Baptist And Methodist Churches To Show Film

With *THE HIDING PLACE*, a new full-length color release from World Wide Pictures, will be shown at the Elba United Methodist Church, Elba, on Sunday, March 20. A single showing is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m.

The film will also be shown at the First Baptist Church the same day, Sunday, March 20, but time will be 7:00 p.m. Rev. Robert Davis, pastor of First Baptist, issues an invitation to attend the showing at the Baptist Church also.

"CORRIE" Behind the Scenes with *THE HIDING PLACE*, a new full-length color release from World Wide Pictures, will be shown at the Elba United Methodist Church, Elba, on Sunday, March 20. A single showing is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m.

Bliss added that the film "offers a great lesson in the perseverance of a personal faith in a very dark and trying period of world history. Corrie ten Boom, now in her eighties, has a tremendous vitality, a deep spiritual commitment, and a profound love for her fellow man. We believe we have succeeded in transmitting a part of the film of *THE HIDING PLACE*."

The Reverend Edward D. Henne, pastor of the Elba United Methodist church stresses that the film includes "interesting side-lights on the experience of the cast and crew during the filming of *THE HIDING PLACE*."

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WIDE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD - D.D. Bryant
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Church Training... 6:00 p.m.
Evangelist Service... 7:00 p.m.
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Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening - Young People's Endeavor... 6:00 p.m.
Evangelist Service... 7:00 p.m.
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Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Youth Choir Pract. 4:00 p.m.
Church Training... 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. 7:00 p.m.

WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH - Paul Foxworth
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Church Training... 5:00 p.m.
Worship & Children's Service... 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service, RAS & GAS... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Edward D. Henne
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Children & Youth Choir Pract. 4:00 p.m.
Evening Worship... 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH - Tommy White
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Church Training... 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE - Jimmy and Shirley Hatcher
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Evangelist Service... 7:00 p.m.
Thurs. Night Serv. 7:00 p.m.
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WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH - Kenneth English
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Training Union... 6:00 p.m.
Adult Choir Pract. 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Night Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.

NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH - Oliver Hobson
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Youth Choir Pract. 4:00 p.m.
Training Union... 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
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Prayer Meet. Wed. 7:00 p.m.
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DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH
Buddy Nowell - Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Training Union... 6:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
James T. Brock
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Youth Choir Pract. 4:45 p.m.
Church Training... 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship... 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Music... 6:00 p.m.
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Morning Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Youth Choir Pract. 4:45 p.m.
Church Training... 6:00 p.m.
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Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.

MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
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Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Church Training... 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.



Machele Gideon Feted With Shower

Machele Gideon bride-elect of Reb Blodsworth was honored with a Personal Shower, March 12. Hostess was Mrs. Shirley Smith. Honored guests were Mrs. Lavenia Blodsworth, mother of the groom, Mrs. Macie Gideon, and sister of the bride, Mrs. Miss Ellie Nore Gideon. Refreshments were served by buffet style with center piece of large yellow mums, white carnations, and yellow zinnias, greenery and candles. The room was decorated with a large flower arrangement with gladioli, carnations, mums, zinnias and candles.

Mrs. Mark Holt Entertains Music Lovers

The Music Lovers Club met on Thursday afternoon, March 10th, 1977, in the home of Mrs. Mark Holt. Mrs. John D. Lowery was co-hostess. After the guests were seated in her spacious living room, they were served home-cooked Dill Bread with imported Danish ham, coconut squares, sugared chocolate squares, olives, potato strips, roasted sunflower seed and hot coffee. Honored guests of the club were Mrs. Henrietta Grimes and Miss Virginia Vaughan. Other members of the club attending were Mrs. K. W. Anderson, Mrs. W. C. Graywell, Mrs. Edwin Cooper, Mrs. Lister Brunson, Mrs. Sara Strong, Mrs. Bob Lee, Mrs. Helen McCollough, Mr. John D. Lowery, Mrs. Bob Lee, Mrs. Helen McCollough, Mrs. Nellie Martin, Mrs. Price Ringo, Mrs. E. M. Warr, Mr. Brian Maxwell and Mr. Bob Stump. Mrs. K. W. Anderson called the meeting to order. After the regular business was disposed of she called on the program chairman, Mrs. Lister Brunson. Mrs. Brunson presented Mrs. Helen McCollough who gave an interesting paper on the meaning of Impressionism in music, and the highlights in the life of Claude Debussy, the French composer. Mrs. McCollough stated that Debussy, whose life span covered the period from 1862 to 1918, was one of the greatest composers of the late 1800's. He founded the impressionistic style in music. The symbolist poets and impressionist painters of Paris influenced him early in life. He set out to develop a similar style in music. She pointed out that the impressionistic qualities in music are usually based on atmospheric effects or descriptive ideas. Claude Debussy wrote music with sounds that seem to call forth such images as moonlight, waterfalls and fireworks 'in almost a physical way. He was not a prolific composer, but every page of his music is finely wrought. Among his works are two books of Preludes and numerous small works for piano, an opera "Pelleas and Melisande," a few cantatas, a small quantity of chamber music, and some colorful orchestral works. Debussy worked out and left for the music world two startling innovations: synecdoche derived from American jazz and a harmonic palette that encompasses tonality - playing in two keys simultaneously. As a pianist, he strived for "delicacy and mellowness of touch." He urged pianists to play with more sensitivity in the fingertips. She concluded by saying that "Debussy aspired after a sound of sounds. The remarkable thing is that for some of us he achieved it. He is what he always aimed to be; unique and irreplaceable."

Miss Virginia Vaughan entertained the guests at the piano by playing one of Debussy's well-known piano compositions, the beautiful "Clair de Lune." This was done in a very impressive manner and drew for her a lively applause. After the meeting, the guests enjoyed the open house tour in which they observed the lovely and colorful bedrooms enriched with floral arrangements that blended with the beautiful setting. They found this new home one of convenience and comfort, fitted for practical living, all of which makes a house a real home.

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Womens Page

New Era Junior Women's Club Met With Mrs. David Stokes

The New Era Junior Women's Club met on Monday night, March 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Mrs. David Stokes. After a short business session the meeting was turned over to Mrs. Gareth Lindsey.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Butch Oggs and a devotional was given by Mrs. Stokes. After a short business session the meeting was turned over to Mrs. Gareth Lindsey.

Merrill Shirley Addressed BPW

The Elba Business and Professional Women met Monday night, March 14, at the Country Club. The President, Mable Lawless, presided at the meeting.

Local Topics

Dr. Henry Wayne Taylor spent the weekend in Elba visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eskay Taylor. Dr. Taylor has accepted a position with L.S.U. in Baton Rouge, La. as a professor in Lab Pathology. This weekend he will join his wife and son who have already moved to Louisiana.

COCOA... THE CHOCOLATE FOR COOKING

When in doubt about which of the many chocolate products to use in cooking, cocoa is the answer. Unsweetened cocoa is by far the most versatile of all the chocolate baking products. It is considerably less expensive to use, and gives as rich a chocolate taste and as moist a texture to baked foods as unsweetened baking chocolate.

In recent consumer studies at Hershey Foods, manufacturers of both unsweetened cocoa and baking chocolate, consumer taste-testers actually demonstrated an overwhelming preference for chocolate cake and frosting made with cocoa over the same chocolate cake and frosting made with baking chocolate. The cake made with cocoa was moister, richer in chocolate flavor, and had a better texture.

Cook with cocoa and discover how easy it is to measure and mix with the other ingredients. Baking chocolate must be melted, usually in a double boiler to avoid scorching.

Another advantage is cocoa's relatively low cost. Baking with cocoa costs up to a third less than baking with either solid baking chocolate or the pre-melted chocolate-type products.

Recipes abound for choice cakes and other desserts made with cocoa. But don't be limited to recipes designating cocoa. When a recipe calls for baking chocolate, it's easy to convert it to cocoa with spectacular results.

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David Nunn Enjoys 1st Birthday With A Party

David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Nunn, celebrated his first birthday on March 5. Friends attending the party were: Jamie and Sonya Smith, Tasha Nunn, Connie Nunn, Julie Goodson, Michael Grant, Heidi Vaughan, Greg Hamilton, and Cranny Nunn. Mr. and Mrs. Danny Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Goodson, Mr. and Mrs. Nunn, Mrs. Jimmy Vaughan, Mrs. Benny Grantham and Stacy Nunn.

Pied Pipers To Perform Locally

The Pied Pipers, Troy location or object. Dr. David Dye, Chairman State University's professional touring children's theatre group, is coming to Elba on March 24.

The performances are scheduled for Elba Elementary School at 9:00 and 10:15 a.m. The group is jointly sponsored by the Alabama Council on the Arts and Humanities and Troy State University.

Children's literary classics are the highest caliber and each performer is treated as a professional," he added.

Dye estimated that the group has performed for more than 100,000 children in public schools and at fairs during the past six years.

Young audiences seem to enjoy the Pied Piper immensely," Dye explains. "They sense that the actors are genuinely enjoying the performance and are having fun as the stories are created."

No setting or properties are used in the performance. Actors become walls, trees, or animals to create a particular

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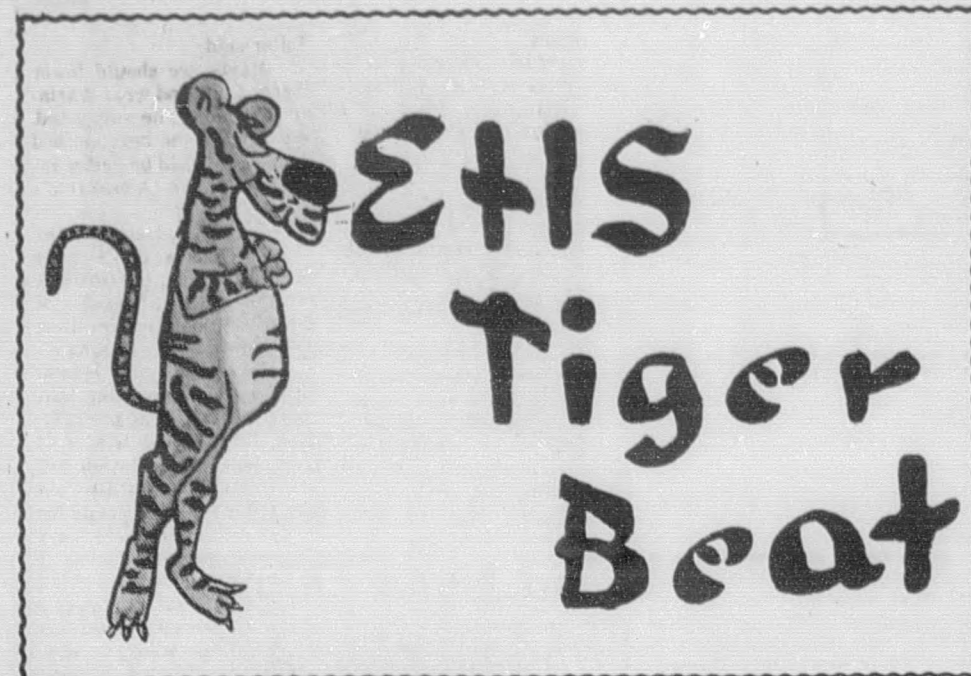
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Mu Alpha Theta Meets

The Mu Alpha Theta Club of Elba High School held a meeting February 17, 1977, in Mrs. Adkinson's room. Vice-president Leigh Lindsey presided over the meeting for the absent president, Kenneth Bryan.

After minutes and business, the club held a ciphering match with Leigh Lindsey conducting. The winners were acknowledged and duly rewarded.

GEOFFREY PARKER, Historian

Seniors Of The Week



Top Seven Magazine Salesmen

Virginia Vaughan
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Gypsy Morrow
Lynn Hudson

Melanie Rainer
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A Look In The Stars

Aquarius - Don't get discouraged with automobile Sunday.
Aries - Your T.V. goes on the blink Tuesday.
Cancer - Your pet dog will bit you Wednesday. Better luck Thursday.
Sagittarius - Honor your elders Saturday.
Scorpio - Mind your own business Friday.
Libra - Don't bother other people's belongings Saturday.

Virgo - Sunday is your lucky day. Be nice to others Tuesday.
Leo - Money will come your way Tuesday.
Taurus - Friday is exciting, possible illness Saturday.
Pisces - You will take a pleasant trip Saturday.
Gemini - You should give someone something special this weekend.
Capricorn - A very exciting weekend.



Beta Club Goes To Convention

On Friday, March 4, 1977, 12 members of the Elba High School Beta Club and their sponsor, Mr. Sharpless, traveled to the Alabama National Beta Club Convention in Birmingham.

After registering, the group attended the first general session. At that time, the state president gave his keynote address and the candidates for the next year's officers gave their campaign speeches.

The second general session was held the next morning and was followed by three conferences to be attended by all members. After the conferences many people enjoyed

Did You Know?

The juniors sold over \$10,600 worth of magazines. Melanie got married? The prom is in April! Spring football training has started? We have a new coach?

Brain Showers

From the first day of magazine sales, the juniors were constantly told that they would never make their goal, which was \$10,000. Now, the juniors would like to thank all of those people who didn't think they could do it, because it only made them more determined.

Good work, Juniors; we're sure it'll be a great prom.

What If? . . .

... We had to go to school during AEA
... the people that came to accredit our school had been "swallowed"
... nobody got to go to the beach tomorrow
... Mr. Floyd drove a Transam
... Nobody had cars.

Good Reports

Another 6 weeks report card sent home, and another impressive honor roll. Congratulations to everyone who made it. It was pointed out at the convention that Governor George C. Wallace had proclaimed the week of February 7 - 12 as Beta Club Week.

FACTS & FIGURES

About half the nation's population, 60 percent of its corporate income and 45 percent of the country's personal income are within 500 miles of the state of Pennsylvania.



This may be a good time to put out some because we don't want anyone's grade to be hurt because of this. Every year, I would do the following:

1. Insist on excellent land preparation; plant for a good stand. Some growers use the minimum recommended amount of seed. However, in a colder year this would be very risky. I had rather spend an extra \$5 to \$10 for seed and help eliminate some of this risk.

2. Make maximum use of the preplant incorporated herbicides. I would match the herbicides to the weeds and grasses that I have. Rather than a shotgun approach I would bring a lot more precision into the use of preplant herbicides. We at the Extension offices have complete information on this, and we can help a farmer with a rifle approach to this specific problem.

3. Most peanut growers make the mistake of letting weeds and grasses get a head start on them. Beginning this year, and beginning early we need to attack weeds as quickly as emergence as possible. Much better results will be obtained this way and the grower has more control over the weeds. In decision for a week as to what to do can be costly. Dr. Gale Buchanan, weed scientist at Auburn, and Dr. Harold Walker, Extension weed specialist, emphasize the importance of getting with these weeds and grasses when they are small. We have a lot of materials

6. Fields with history of white mold should be tested with one of the recommended materials for white mold

Maximum Input Is Necessary For Crops

By: Tom Casaday

Coffee County peanut producers need to pay a lot more attention to detail in growing peanuts. This is particularly true for those people who want to move from a ton up to 3,000 pounds per acre. As valuable as an acre of peanuts is, I can't understand why virtually every farmer should not put the maximum input into this fantastic crop.

If I were growing peanuts this year, I would do the following:

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that can be used early and if used properly can insure good weed control.

4. We should be putting out lime and gypsum according to soil test. If our soil calcium value is medium, we recommend 250 pounds gypsum per acre put out at early blooming. If the soil calcium is low, we recommend 500 pounds gypsum put out at early bloom. If it is high, we don't recommend any. If there is any question, we certainly want to put out some because we don't want anyone's grade to be hurt because of this. Every year, I would do the following:

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control to lessen the damage of this disease. In Alabama Terracot will be recommended, and it is my understanding that Vitavax will also get a state label. Both of these materials are effective in keeping white mold under control. I certainly would not recommend planting peanuts in a field that has a history of white mold without definitely planning to use one of these materials at early blooming.

Top growers of peanuts in Coffee County eliminate trees around the fields which are lower yielding to 25 depending on the tree population and location. In addition, top growers will control weeds and grasses

If we can get the right kind of weather, we could have a great year in Coffee County in peanut production. I believe the great majority of our growers are programmed toward maximum yields.

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If we can get the right kind of weather, we could have a great year in Coffee County in peanut production. I believe the great majority of our growers are programmed toward maximum yields.

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News And Comments On Agriculture In Alabama
By J. Paul Till

The severe winter weather which has blasted Alabama and much of the nation may be a blessing in disguise.

It serves as the nation's second major warning to wake up and do something about the energy crisis. The first warning, you will remember, was the 1975 oil embargo. There was a big outcry then that we must do something about the energy shortage. A lot of talk. And little or nothing done.

Now, we are confronted with our second major energy shortage. This one has idled hundreds of industrial plants and laid off thousands of employees and chilled many homes.

Not only will it mean higher cost for natural gas but it will up the cost of gasoline this summer by six to eight cents per gallon. Take it a step further and you will find higher fertilizer costs and increased fuel cost to farmers, all of which will mean higher retail prices for consumers and lower income

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for farmers. And if the energy crisis is allowed to go unchecked, it could ultimately lead to severe fertilizer shortages and less food.

To increase supplies of natural gas will take at least two years and perhaps five. So, what can be done by individuals now to help the energy situation?

Dr. Edward Teller, world renowned nuclear scientist who is a visiting professor at Troy State University, said recently that mankind may be able to modify the weather by the end of this century. But we must do something now, he said.

"I do not believe energy conservation is a cure. But energy conservation is the first and earliest action that we can and must take,"

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Teller said. Maybe we should lower thermostat and wear warmer underwear, he suggested. But he said the best method right now would be better insulation for America's homes.

Generally, houses in the United States don't have good insulation, particularly in the South, because it doesn't normally get that cold here, the scientist said.

Teller said good insulation can reduce heating bills by 20 per cent to 30 per cent. And even if next winter is mild, he said, insulation will still reduce your utility bill and will be in place ready for other hard winters which are sure to come in the future.

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THE ELBA FLOOD DISASTER MARCH 1929

By
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Statesboro, Georgia

Victim of the Elba Flood Disaster

Elba, located approximately eighty-five miles south of Montgomery and fifty miles west of Dothan, serves Coffee County as a courthouse town along with Enterprise. Located in a valley on the west side of Pea River and surrounded by three hills -- Law Hill on the west, Cemetery Hill to the northwest and May Hill southward -- its population was slightly more than four thousand in 1929. Two creeks, Beaver Dam and White Water, converge with the river in the immediate vicinity of Elba. Northward from Elba along the famous Three-Notch Road is about one million acres of land forming the water-shed of the Pea River system. Water not absorbed by the soil of this system must pass by Elba.

Elba, other parts of Southern Alabama, and the Florida Panhandle received excessive rainfall in February and March of 1929. Elba received continuous downpours of rain in the period from March 12, 1929, to March 16, 1929. The official precipitation for Elba measured twenty inches within a period of twenty-four hours on March 14-15, surpassing the record of 17.64 inches set at Robertsdale in 1917.

Residents of Elba discussed the heavy rainfall and the swollen streams. Little thought was given to the water rising higher than in the past, yet some natives spoke of what they considered a flood in 1882.

An early visitor to THE ELBA CLIPPER office on the morning of Thursday, March 14, having seen the river, reported that it would soon be out of its banks. An imminent flood seemed to be met with disbelief because activities in Elba continued as usual until nine thirty that morning when water appeared in the streets and on the sidewalks. Businessmen, homeowners, and courthouses

recording secretary.

On Thursday night, Governor Graves, getting a report that water stood at a depth of fifteen feet in the courthouse square and was rising, issued orders through the Adjutant General for a second detachment of the Montgomery guardsmen to proceed to Elba. Later Thursday night the governor ordered the National Guard Companies at Andalusia and Laverne and the remaining guardsmen at Dothan to proceed to Elba with all possible speed.

Governor Graves and Colonel W. A. Gayle enlisted the assistance of Major W. R. Weaver, U.S. Army Air Corps, Maxwell Field, in the establishment of a communications system. Major Weaver dispatched a radio truck to Elba and readied army planes equipped with radios for missions to the area.

Governor Graves and the Adjutant General took steps for acquiring a fleet of motorized boats from the U.S. Coast Guard in Mobile and the Pensacola Naval Station. From these two installation twenty-eight boats and two seaplanes were dispatched to Elba for rescue operations.

President Herbert Hoover directed Secretary of War, James W. Good, to give any needed assistance to the people of Elba and requested the Secretary of War to keep him posted on developments. Secretary Good put the services of the Atlanta Red Cross into operation through H. P. Davis, the Corps Commander, and H. B. Williams, an Alabama representative of the Red Cross, was placed in charge of coordinating all Red Cross activities in Elba.

While Governor Graves was putting the state's resources to work on Thursday and Friday, the people of Elba were undergoing the greatest mental anguish and insecurity of their lifetime. Without communication, without heat, and without food or water darkness settled over Elba on Thursday. The people were cooped in attics,

on roofs, and other dangerous and uncomfortable places not knowing when the lurking waters beneath might sweep them away. The mental anguish was heightened by the separation of families. The worst experience was yet to come for shortly after midnight, a terrifying thunder storm arose. Lightning flashed continuously, thunder roared and crashed, and the rains descended even more furiously upon the town. Pistol and gun shots punctuated the night in attempts to give signals. Cries went out for help from frightened people and frightened animals. The cries for help had to be unheeded.

The airplanes on Friday morning were a welcomed sight for the people. For the establishment of communications the system of communication was a great achievement in coordinating the work of the National Guardsmen, the Red Cross, and the Army Air Corps in the relief operations.

On Friday, March 15, airplanes from Maxwell Field dropped large quantities of blankets, clothing, food and medical supplies. One mission from Maxwell Field consisted of carrying an outboard motor to Elba necessitating the use of a parachute in safely dropping it.

An ADVERTISER writer joined a Maxwell Field mission to Elba for the purpose of dropping food-stuffs. He reported the approach to Elba became obvious because of the sun's reflection on the turbulent waters. Wherever groups of people were observed tins of food were dropped. The writer reported that large numbers of people craned their necks from the courthouse and from residences on higher ground as the plane roared passed. How

a little boy climbed to the courthouse steeple left everyone on the plane puzzled. According to the writer, the child waved in friendly gesture and seemed not to mind.

An Army Air Corps sergeant, who flew a mission over Elba, reported the town in a sea of water. According to the sergeant, crewmen were busily carrying people to safety in ten or more boats but turbulent waters hampered rescue operations.

The State Health Department sent its first party to Elba on Saturday, March 16. Among the health officials were Dr. D. G. Gillard and Dr. A. H. Graham. The reported to Colonel W. E. Persons at the National Guard Relief station established north of Elba on the Troy-Elba Highway.

The health officials brought an assortment of drugs including vaccines, anti-toxins, and instruments for testing water supplies. The health officials undertook a massive inoculation program, attended to those with cuts and bruises, and began coping with an outbreak of measles.

The water in the business district was between ten and fifteen feet at nighttime on Saturday, March 16, and rescue operations continued. By nightfall on Saturday, after forty-eight menacing hours, the people of Elba who wanted to be moved away had been.

The people of New Brockton, Enterprise, Troy and Opp opened their homes to the flood victims. Many people from Elba went to the homes of relatives in these towns, others went to the homes of relatives in the country. Most of the victims who were carried to Cemetery Hill on the northwest shoreline

barred buses or automobiles for Troy. Those who were carried by the shoreline went to Opp, and those who were carried to the eastern shoreline went to New Brockton or Enterprise.



END OF CLINTONVILLE, ALA. FROM TROY N. (S-15-43-30)

The people of Elba had suffered a terrible flood. About one quarter of Coffee County was affected including two hundred rural families who were driven from their homes. Miraculously, the loss was to property, not to human lives. Only two Black citizens perished in the flood. Judge J. A. Carnley placed the total amount of damage and loss of property at \$5,000,000 which he considered a conservative figure.

Pitt Tyson Maner, prominent Montgomerian, related the desperate need of the people of Elba. Maner stated that those rescued were deprived of everything except their lives, the clothing on their backs, and the land on which their homes or businesses stood.

The State of Alabama took action to relieve the flood victims of Elba and southern Alabama in the field of property taxation. Some people were relieved of paying taxes on assessments of October, 1928, because of severe losses. Others received adjusted rates after a consideration of the losses suffered. Assistance came from the Federal government by an act of Congress making \$1,600,000 available to the state on a matching basis



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Sports

Views From

THE PRESSBOX

By, Nicky Mularz

Sports Editor

The 1977 State basketball tournament is history, and even though I only saw the final two days of action, I can assure you that I had my "fill" of roundball.

A LONG TWO DAYS

I went to the State tournament with two of my friends, and we pulled out of Elba on Friday morning at about 4 o'clock. I know it doesn't take five hours to get to Tuscaloosa, but we wanted to make sure we made it in time to see the Red Level-Holy Family game.

Well, we saw 'em play, but it wasn't much of a game. Holy Family sprang a 22-1 lead, and by halftime boasted a 48-14 advantage. The final score was 99-44, but believe me, it could have been much, much worse! The Holy Family coach substituted throughout the game and took mercy on the boys from "Red Neck Tech."

The second game was pitiful, and we left at the half to check in at the motel. There were two good Class 2A games, followed by a pair of even better Class 3A contests. The refs sort of ruined the 4A games by calling too many fouls, but it was enjoyable watching Johnson's 6-8, 240-pound Bobby Cattage play. Cattage has a soft shot and can outmuscle anyone under the boards. Cattage will make a fine addition to Auburn's basketball program next season.

When we got back to the motel we found out that Tuscaloosa was under a tornado watch so we decided to go to the lounge and ride out the storm. A man sitting at the next table told me a tornado would hit between 12:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m. I decided to call my girl friend before the storm blew me away, and I never made it back to the lounge and the tornado never hit. I was awakened the next morning by a maid who stroled into the room and asked if we wanted it cleaned up. I assured her that we were not finished sleeping, and politely told her to GET OUT!

Anyway, the finals got off to a bad start when the refs' whistle got stuck and blew the entire game. Holy Family breezed to the win despite the barrage of fouls and placed all five starters on the All-Tournament team.

St. Jude defeated Montevallo's "scrubs" and claimed the 2A title. It seems that Montevallo's coach laid down some rules before his squad went to Tuscaloosa, and when four players failed to abide by them, they were suspended. That's right -- the four players were suspended and weren't allowed to play in the Class 2A title match. What did they do? They went to a hamburger joint with some fans when the coach had told them to hang around and watch the remainder of Friday's games. I'm not second-guessing the coach, but the punishment seemed a little strong.

In Class 3A, Thompson roared back from a 31-13 deficit to dump Sparkman. Thompson, who claimed their second straight State crown, had perhaps the best team in the tourney. Selma pulled three straight upsets to win the Class 4A title. The Saints had a young team and could battle back into the 4A championship next season. Selma beat Hayes of Birmingham to claim the title.

Looking back, I feel the State tourney this year wasn't up to par with last year's. It may have been because there weren't as many good teams around, or it could have been due to the smaller crowds. Or -- it could have just been ye ole Sports Editor!

MY ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

I did get to vote for the all-tournament teams in each class, but here is my Super All-Tournament team. At guards I'll pick Perry Oden of Thompson and Dennis Crutcher of Sparkman.

Oden, a 6-3 senior, was the finest shot in the tourney and played outstanding defense. I think Oden could definitely play in the S.E.C.

Crutcher is 5'4", tall, but has arms that nearly drag the ground. The pint-sized superstar thrilled the crowd with his driving lay-ups and was only one vote short of being a unanimous pick for the MVP in Class 3A. By the way, I voted for Oden!

At forward I'll go with Earl Banks and Frederick White. Banks, the MVP in the tourney and my pick for Mr. Basketball in Alabama, is probably as good a player as I've ever seen. At 6-6, 220 pounds, Banks possesses all the tools to be a premier collegiate player. Mr. Banks was named All-American this year, and is deserving of that honor.

White is a skinny 6-5, 160-pounder, but has a deadly inside shot. White, only a 10th grader, could be a possible college star if he can add a little weight on his frail frame. The St. Jude stalwart hit 70% of his shots in the final two games, and there "ain't no way" I could leave him off the All-Tourney squad.

At center is Bobby Cattage. Cattage is a coach's dream at 6-8, 240 pounds, and is a leader on the court. Other players deserving mention are: Willie Tolbert - Red Level; Todd Smyly - Selma; Jonathan Billingsley - Westside; Maurice Myers - Holy Family; Harold McReynolds - Holy Family; Thomas Brown - Montevallo; Michael Courtland - Selma; Rory Campbell - Hayes; Glen Marcus - Thompson; and Zella Green - Thompson.

The crop of future college stars in Alabama this year is excellent, to say the least!

A QUICK GLANCE AT THE GRID-IRON
Elba's spring training last week off for A.E.A. holidays, but will resume Monday with the Tigers going full speed. Report from the Elba camp reveal that Ken Martin is looking good at quarterback and the Tigers' stable of running backs are as good as ever. Try to go out next week and watch 'em play.

There was a 4-team jamboree in Troy last week, and Opp won first place. The Bobcats defeated Troy 7-6 and Oats 9-0, and it looks like the Bobcats learned their lessons well in the spring.

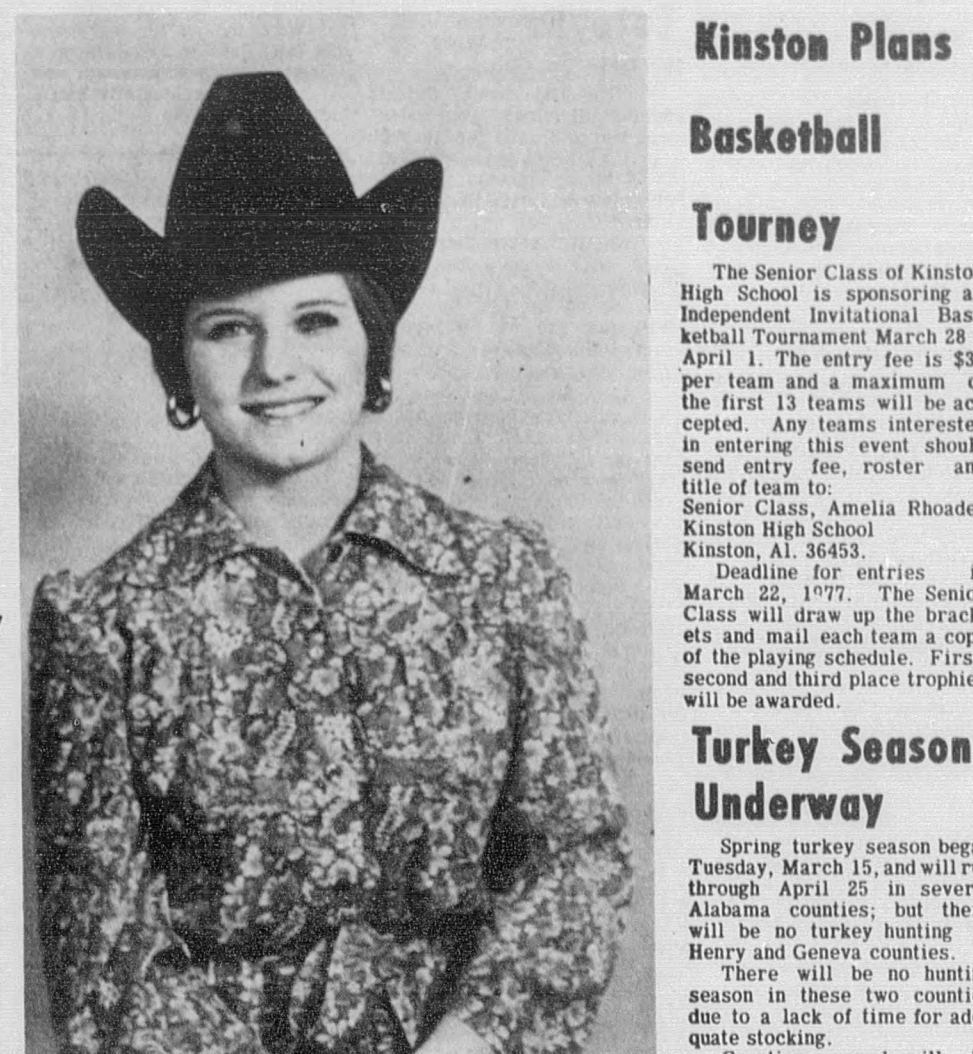
Ozark dumped Brundidge 6-0 in overtime before bowing to Opp, while Troy edged Brundidge 7-6 in two overtimes to claim their only win.

Now that it looks like Mack Wood is here to stay, maybe the Tigers' football season can settle down. Coach Champion's resignation surprised the players, but when Sasser quit, some of the players talked about giving up. It seemed to them that nobody cared.

Well, we've got a good coach in Mack Wood, and I urge everyone to let him know we're behind him 100%!

IN CLOSING
I'm not much of a fisherman, but I think I could catch as many fish as my boss without even using bait. He goes all the time, but never catches a thing. Maybe he should save money and go fishing in his bathtub -- he couldn't do any worse!

The 1920 billiards master, Henry Lewis, once sank 46 balls in a row using his nose as a cue stick.



Katrina Hayes In Rodeo Queen Contest

Miss Katrina Hayes, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Hayes, III, is a candidate for State Rodeo Queen. Katrina is being sponsored by the Coffee County Cattlemen's Association, and will be riding out of the Silver Spur Stables in New Brockton, owned by Mrs. Lois Locke. In the contest, she will be judged on personality, dress, beauty and western horsemanship.

She will compete with 29 other girls from all over Alabama. The rodeo is going on now (March 16 - 19) at Garrett Coliseum in Montgomery.

Katrina is a sophomore at Elba High School. She is a majorette, a member of the Symphonic Band (fife), member of the Beta Club and Alpha Theta, an honorary Math society.

FISHERMEN'S SPOTLIGHT

FISH PICTURES COMPLIMENTS OF THE ELBA BAIT SHOP



Tommy Carter holds nine bass and one crappie that he and Jerry Parker caught on a recent outing.

The fish weighed a total of 20 pounds and were caught on Mac's Black Worm.

Softball Tournament Set

The Headland Jaycees will sponsor a slow-pitch softball tournament on April 13 - 17. Entry fee is \$45 per team plus two new balls prior to the first game. Four trophies will be given and the deadline to enter is April 6.

As more dates are received, the Clippie will pass them on to interested players.

Any team wishing to enter should contact Bobby Boone at 794-3768 during day or at 893-2722 at night.

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Kinston Plans

Basketball

Tourney

The Senior Class of Kinston High School is sponsoring an Independent Invitational Basketball Tournament March 28 - April 1. The entry fee is \$30 per team and a maximum of the first 15 teams will be accepted. Any teams interested in entering this event should send entry fee, roster and title of team to: Senior Class, Amelia Rhodes Kinston High School, Kinston, AL 36543.

Deadline for entries is March 22, 1977. The Senior Class will draw up the brackets and mail each team a copy of the playing schedule. First, second and third place trophies will be awarded.

Turkey Season Underway

Spring turkey season began Tuesday, March 15, and will run through April 25 in several Alabama counties, but there will be no turkey hunting in Henry and Geneva counties. The season in these two counties due to a lack of time for adequate stocking.

Counties opened will be Autauga, Barbour, Bibb, Bullock, Butler, Calhoun, Chambers, except Elberta, Coffee, Crenshaw, Dale, Elmore, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Houston, Jefferson, Lamar, except West of Alabama Highway 17 and North of U.S. Highway 278; Lawrence, except North of Alabama Highway 24; Lowndes, Macon, except South of U.S. Highway 80; and Macon County Highway 76 and Northwest of Marshall County Highway 10.

Marengo, Macon, Mobile, West of U.S. Highway 5, Montgomery, Pike, Pickens, Pike, Russell, Sumter, Tallapoosa, Tensas, Walker and Winston. In the contest, she will be judged on personality, dress, beauty and western horsemanship.

Limit on gobblers only is one day and five during combined fall and spring season.

Area Golf Courses Set

It was a rare human being who in 1926 thought auto racing would become one of the most popular sports in the United States. But Bill France was so fascinated by the sport even then -- that he played hockey to watch drivers streak around the old board speedway in Laurel, Md.

He knew that this was an event that was a happening -- a sport that excited people, a sport that had a brilliant future. And it was this vision that later led to the formation of NASCAR (National Association for Stock Car Racing) and the Winston Cup Grand National series and is the reason why France was inducted into the National Motorsports Press Association.

Auto Racing Hall of Fame recently at Darlington, S.C. "Stock car racing is the one sport where the automobile is the equalizer as far as physical abilities," says France. "In basketball, the tall guy has an advantage. In football, it's the bigger fellow that has the edge. But in racing, your size has nothing to do with how successful you are."

It's a sport where I feel if I (or anyone) can prepare a car well, I (he) can compete equally."

France was able to do this because he was a racing man from the start. He was a racing man from the start. He was a racing man from the start.

1976-77 Elba High Cage Statistics

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Chip Goosby 23 229 9.9 269 13.0
Terry Barnes 24 240 12.0 252 12.6
James Smith 17 146 8.6 102 6.0
Claude Collier 6 16 1.0 7 1.1
Ken Martin 11 71 6.5 30 2.8
Willie Lowe 16 182 11.3 112 7.0
John Daniels 5 7 1.4 4 0.8
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France Promoted His First Race in 1938

(Editor's Note: This is the first of a three-part series on Bill France Sr., who was inducted into the National Motorsports Press Association Auto Racing Hall of Fame recently at Darlington, S.C. France was the founder of NASCAR and president of the racing organization from December, 1947 until January, 1972.)

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. It was a rare human being who in 1926 thought auto racing would become one of the most popular sports in the United States. But Bill France was so fascinated by the sport even then -- that he played hockey to watch drivers streak around the old board speedway in Laurel, Md.

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from the time he borrowed his dad's Model T, sneaked to Laurel and drove it around the banked boards, wearing out a set of tires and managing to keep a straight face as his father complained to the local tire dealer about the bad tires he had sold him.

France then switched to motorcycle racing. But when a half-mile dirt track was built at Pikesville, Md., he managed to put together enough money to buy a cutdown Model T with an overhead valve conversion.

He raced there with such stars of the era as Harris Ininger, Park Culp and Wheeler Braden. During the late 1920s and early 1930s, the Washington, D.C., native graduated to a Riley with which he campaigned all over the East Coast for five years.

In the fall of 1934, France decided to move to Florida. He, Anne and year-old Bill Jr. ended up settling in Daytona Beach. To support his family, France operated a service station -- which Anne ran when he raced his car in a few races in the South and occasionally back up North.

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McKenzie, Major Goldie Gardner, Milt Marion, Bob Sall and Bill Schneider. The turns were hastily cut through the sand dunes and long before the end of the race, the course provided more of an endurance run than a speed contest. There was mass confusion as to who was running where, but France was given fifth place money.

The city had put on that event and when city officials decided not to remain in the race promoting business, France elected to try his hand at it. "Charlie Reese and I ran the race in 1938," recalls France. "We charged 50 cents for admission and 5,000 people showed up. We divided a \$200 profit."

"A month later, we ran another race and increased the price to \$1. And just as many people turned up."

This convinced France that promoting races was just as much fun as competing in them. And if you knew who you were doing and could attract a top field, you could boost your bank account, too.

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Mrs. Bruniese Winston To Conduct Campaign

The Alabama Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Inc. will inaugurate the annual Easter Seal Campaign March 1 through April 10. This campaign will provide the necessary funds to carry out the direct service programs for the handicapped in Alabama.

In Coffee County, the Easter Seal campaign will be conducted by Mrs. Bruniese Winston, Elba. Plans include road blocks, and mail solicitation in Elba only. These funds will go to support local transportation, hospitalization, surgery, and treatment for Coffee County. Support will also be given to Southeast Alabama Rehabilitation Center where children and adults of Coffee County were provided with comprehensive rehabilitation facility and the Coffee County Chapter of the Alabama Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Inc.

Strong and positive public support is needed this year to enable success in the Easter Seal campaign. Those clubs, groups, organizations, and individuals who would like to help this effort should contact Mrs. Bruniese Winston.

Locke Reported For Duty At Oak Harbor

Navy Aviation Ordnanceman Airman Thomas G. Locke, whose wife Mary is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Hall of P. O. Box 307, Elba, has reported for duty at the Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island, Oak Harbor, Wash.

He joined the Navy in December 1973.

Social Security Business May Be Phoned In

Most Social Security business can be handled by telephone at no cost to the customer, says Ted Gamble, District Manager of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in Dothan. Claims may be filed, address changes made, and most other events reported by phone.

Telephone calls may be made by simply calling the operator and asking for WX-6200. This is a toll free number. In the Dothan area, the number is 774-3161.

For those unable to handle the business by telephone, or get to Dothan, a Social Security representative will make visits to various communities on certain days. Days and times for this are as follows:

ELBA-ON Thursdays at the swimming pool recreation center 10:00 a.m. till 12:00 noon. DATES: April 7, 14, 21 and 28.

For all women, it is important to be conscientious about having medical checkups. In the middle and older years an annual physical includes a thorough pelvic exam should be routine.

The message researchers are conveying is that estrogen does not actually cause endometrial cancer, but sustained use may stimulate dormant factors in the body and lead to its development. And what this means is that estrogen must be prescribed very selectively by a physician. Some menopausal and some postmenopausal women, perhaps twenty-five percent can benefit from hormone replacement therapy at very little risk. Other women do not require it. It depends on how much estrogen a given woman produces.

For short-term therapy, such as use for relieving the symptoms of menopause, estrogen carries a very low risk. The chance of getting uterine cancer is about eight times as great among women who take estrogen during menopause, but the risk is less if the drug is used in monthly cycles instead of four or more days without any dosage.

In any event, the best advice concerning the prescribing of estrogens is that if they are given at all, they should be given at the lowest effective dose for the shortest possible time to relieve symptoms.

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Mrs. Lucille R. Blue, 83, Hartsboro, formerly of Elba and Coffee County, died Tuesday in a Columbus hospital. Graveside services were held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in Evergreen Cemetery here with Rev. Dan Ward officiating. Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Augustus Walker, Hartsboro; a son, Dr. D. R. Blue, Bessemer; five grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

ROBERT A. LEE

Robert A. Lee, 66, Jack, R. L., died Wednesday morning in an Enterprise hospital.

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Pilgrimage Scheduled In Eufaula

The 12th annual Eufaula Spring Pilgrimage gets underway March 31, and runs through April 3. Seven private homes, three house museums, and two churches comprise the daytime tour.

An exclusive Candlelight Tour will be held this year. Houses not open during the day will be on display. Dewey P. Williams and the Wiregrass Sacred Harp Singers will perform at this time.

Also, an Antique Show and Sale will be held from April 1 through 3. Other events are the Arts Council, Sidewalk and Art Show on Saturday and Sunday; the Camera Club's Spring Concert on April 1; an Antique Silver and Jewelry display, and an Indian Relics display.

Homes will be open from 9:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and 1:00 till 5:00 p.m. Sunday.

For further information about this Pilgrimage weekend, write the Eufaula Heritage Association, P. O. Box 486, Eufaula, AL 36027.

Recreation Vehicle's Reservations Can Be Made In Advance

Recreation vehicle owners bound for popular Panama City Beach, Florida can now make advance reservations by calling a toll-free number operated by Venture Out RV resort.

Operational 24 hours a day, seven days a week, the number is 800-241-1222. Operator 25 (in Georgia, 800-282-1333, Operator 35).

Located at the southern tip of Panama City Beach near Captain Anderson's marina, Venture Out has 735 land-scaped, full-equipped sites. The resort also has two private beach recreation areas, two fresh water swimming pools, ocean-side clubhouse, shuffleboard courts, laundry facilities, bicycle rental, and 24-hour security.

By making advance reservations, guests may take advantage of Venture Out's special multiple-day rates, which include one or two days complimentary stay.

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How Paul Bunyan Became A Giant

By JIMBO BRYAN, 3rd Grade

Well, the matter of the fact is that Paul was not born a giant. You see, when Paul was a baby, he accidentally swallowed a tree seed.

Also, when Paul was a boy, he was a sapling. The roots grew in his legs and the limbs grew in his arms.

When Paul was three, he was in a fight and swallowed some dirt. Then the seed started to grow.

When the tree grew up, Paul grew up. When he was full grown, the tree kept on growing. It stretched and stretched until he was as big as the tree.

And that's how Paul Bunyan became a giant.

Ode To The Coffee Drinkers

Here's to those morning coffee drinkers, The cream of Elba's heavy thinkers

Who sit each morning head to head, And talk about the lives they've led;

What's coming up, what's going down, What's going on around this town.

It seems from all discussions past, Those booths could run the government.

In fact there's little they can't do, From football to a mid-east coup.

What would we do without those guys? They've certainly opened up my eyes

To the local color we possess Within the warmth of Elba's nest.

Thank you for the world so fair, Thank you for cloths we wear, Thank you for the food we eat, Thank you for the friends we meet, Thank you for the birds that sing, Thank you, God, for everything.

AMEN -

By JOHNNY SOWELL and TERRY BRYANT

bringing up baby.

By Mrs. Dan Gerber

Once asked a very wise lady, who was very much in demand as a baby-sitter, the secret of her success with children. She thought about it a moment and said, "Well, I think it's because I never pass a child, without saying hello to him, and giving him a little pat."

Your baby, sitting or lying and watching you as you go about your work, will soon learn to expect and appreciate that kind of companionable affection. You'll find that he'll make a sound of pleasure as you come near and his little hand will come up to pat you, too.

You don't have to hold him on your lap all the time. In fact, if you do, he may become too dependent on you, feeling that your lap is his only "right" place for him to be when he is "swaddled."

But friendly little pats as expressions of your love are equally as important to his growth and well-being as nutritious, safe and wholesome Gerber baby food!

There is a FREIGHTER that sails ON A LAKE ABOVE THE CLOUDS! THE S.S. COVA WAS TAKEN AWAY IN 1900. PICTURES CAPTURED ON THE DECK OF INDIAN 17,000 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL. TO THE SHORES OF LAKES IN THE MOUNTAINS, THESE PICTURES WERE FILMED TOGETHER.

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Please be careful of fire. Because a country without its forests is a country without its future.

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AN APPEAL TO HEAVEN
Vermont Flag
Massachusetts Flag
Washington's Cruisers
MONT TREAD ON ME
Bunker Hill Flag
Continental Flag

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HOSPITAL NOTES

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Wildfires Reveal More Equipment Needs

The normal January through April spring wildfire season in Alabama began with unusual severity due to rainfall deficiencies, high winds, and low humidities. The situation became progressively worse daily from February 4, culminating on February 23, when 336 fires destroyed 31,000 acres in one day. At the peak of the emergency, over 4,000 persons, including forest industry, company and individual landowners, volunteers, and state employees, and National Guardsmen were assisting in the suppression effort. Acreage losses from February 4 to February 23 were estimated at 176,000 acres burned. This did not include 56,200,000 damage to timber values alone. Thirty-five houses, a church, a school, a manufacturing plant, and various other structures were burned by wildfires at an estimated property loss of \$1,027,000. In all, fires destroyed \$105 million worth of future and present business for Alabama during this period. This figure is based on the loss to Alabama's economy from the harvesting and processing of the burned timber values.

The basic cause for the recent wildfire losses in the state is the critical lack of wildfire control capability by the Alabama Forestry Commission. The inadequacies were known on in advance, but a static budget and mounting inflationary pressures had reduced and restricted the agency's capabilities. Manpower and equipment on hand simply were not sufficient to handle multiple fire occurrences.

Another inadequacy noted during the recent outbreak of fires was in communications. Radio traffic was so heavy during the period that it was very difficult to get vital messages through. Also, once a crew left their transport vehicle all communications with that crew were severed.

An extremely valuable contribution in many counties was provided by some 300 rural community fire departments. Losses in extreme rural areas were greatly reduced by the volunteers' assistance. Coffee County has no rural fire departments because such a plan was voted down by the County Commission.

Law enforcement during the period of February 4-23 reached an all-time high. Employees of the Alabama Forestry Commission were aided by state offices with police power. Twenty-nine people who violated State Forestry laws were arrested, and some were charged with third-degree arson.

The recent wildfire emergency opened the eyes of many people throughout the state, and clearly showed a need for greater state participation in forestry policy.

Chamber Of Commerce Formed Here Tuesday

Elba again has a Chamber of Commerce. A group of interested citizens met Tuesday night at the elementary school and got the organization started again with the selection of a committee. First job of the committee will be to secure a temporary chairman, set objectives and contact the state chamber and others who needed information for the success of the organization in Elba.

During discussions, those attending expressed a desire to serve on the initial steering committee to work toward making Elba a better place to live for the people already here, while preserving the small-town friendly atmosphere. It was generally agreed that with these objectives, the community would naturally attract other people who liked what they saw and wanted to be a part of it.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 7, again at 7 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria. Additional interested citizens are expected to attend this meeting, having promised to clear conflicting obligations to do so.

Those who volunteered to serve on the initial steering committee are: Glen Vaughn, Mike Russell, Steve Johnson, Jimmy Hurnaby, and Jessie (Mrs. Herschel) Taylor.

City To Get Funds For Airport Work

Mayor Robert Folsom announced Tuesday that Elba had been approved for a \$13,500 grant from the Alabama Aeronautics Board for the resurfacing of the Elba Airport. Mr. Jim Rowe of the state board confirmed the grant in a telephone conversation with City Clerk Jack Prescott.

The city had requested funds to resurface 800 feet of the North end of the North-South runway that is badly cracked. The estimated cost of this is \$8,000. However, state engineers noted that the entire airport needed work and these funds will allow three coats of 'seal' on the bad area and one coat on the good area. Some excavations cause temporary disruption of traffic, and there are occasional streets - spots which will be smoothed after the program is complete.

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"Cathodic protection," Smith said, "protects gas lines from stray currents of electricity which may get into the lines, setting up magnetic fields which can cause portions of the line to deteriorate. With cathodic protection these stray currents are dissipated harmlessly into anode beds."

Smith said this 400-mile transmission (supply) line, which has been cathodically protected since it was constructed in 1954-55.

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Work has been completed in several Gas District member cities, Smith said, including Ft. Deposit, Headland, and Abbeville, and in three franchised cities, Daleville, Gantt and Newton.

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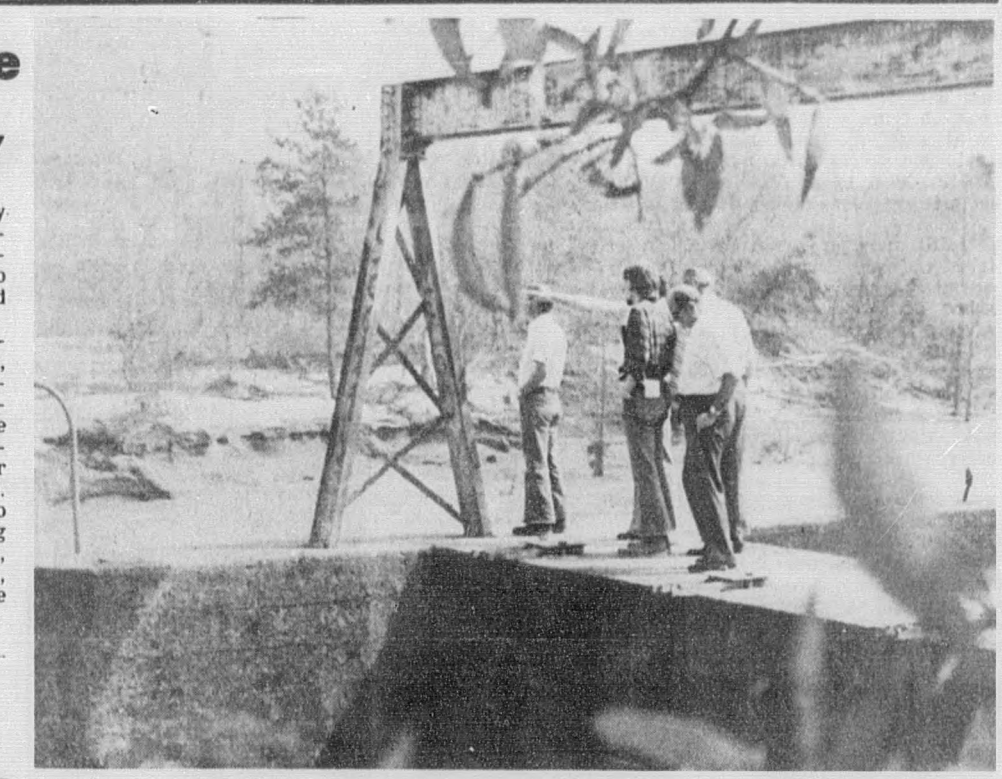
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"The program does provide an added measure of protection," he added, "and we are



City officials show dam site to Army Engineers

Gas Company Works To Prevent Fuel Waste

Natural gas is too precious a natural resource to waste. To eliminate waste of natural gas through underground leakage, and further tighten the long-term safety of its distribution system, the Southeast Alabama Gas District is engaged in a giant cathodic protection program.

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Engineers look over ELBA CLIPPER accounts of flood as City officials answer additional questions

City Pushing For Help With River

Representatives of the U.S. Corp of Engineers visited Elba last Wednesday (March 16) at the request of Mayor Robert Folsom. The purpose was to check into the possibility of working on improving the flood control in the area plus the possibility of a feasibility study of re-opening the Pea River power plant for the generation of electricity.

Representing the Corp of Engineers from Mobile was spokesman, John W. Woolsey, who is no stranger to Elba, having been here immediately after the last flood and again last summer helping plan ways to prevent standing water in town, and thus reduce the number of mosquitoes. He was accompanied by Art Dohman, Elba Mayor Folsom, Councilman, Cleo Hawkins, Councilman, Mike Russell, City Clerk, Jack Prescott and representatives of THE ELBA CLIPPER. Following the office meeting and lunch, the group toured the old dam site and inspected the area of Elba before departing. Prescott agreed to mail them Donald Baum, a newspaper reporter, to assist them with their report.

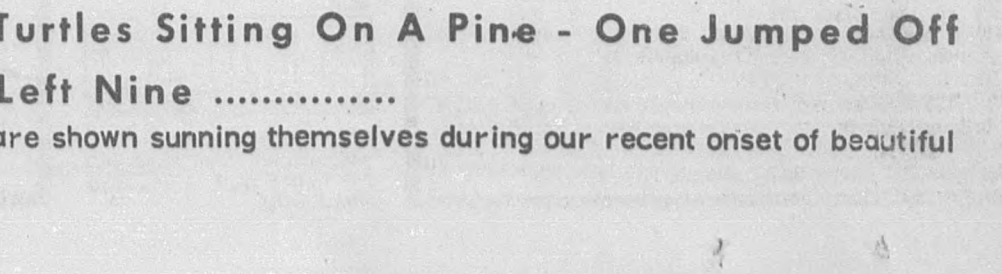


None Hurt In Two Car Accident

Science Fair Planned For Kinston High

The Kinston Science Fair will be Sunday, March 27 from 2 until 4 p.m. in the Kinston High Auditorium. The public is invited and no admission will be charged.

A two car accident Thursday morning did damage to the two cars involved, but there were no injuries. The drivers were Thomas A. Whitener, age 20, of Tampa, Florida, and Mrs. Cathy B. Simmons of Elba. Damage to Whitener's 1973 Toyota were estimated at \$400 and damage to Simmons' 1967 Chevrolet were slightly less, according to police investigators. Investigating officer was Donald Baum, a newspaper reporter, to assist them with their report.



Ten Little Turtles Sitting On A Pine - One Jumped Off

Several turtles are shown sunning themselves during our recent onset of beautiful spring weather.